Amendments to the Specification:

On page 12, please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12 and spanning over to page 13 as follows:

FIG. 3 is an example of an overall system diagram of an embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 3 is similar to the architecture illustrated in FIG. 1 with the exception that five gateway pools 300, 310, 320, 330, 340, and 350 are illustrated. Each gateway pools 300 through 350 have has a finite number of gateways 20 associated with it. For example, gateway pool 300 would contain three gateways 20, gateway pool 310 contains five gateways 20, gateway pool 320 would contain three gateways 20, gateway pool 330 contains one gateway 20, gateway pool 340 would contain five gateways 20, and gateway pool 350 would contain three gateways 20. In addition, gateway pool 310 would also contain the gatekeeper 50. As with the gateways 20 shown in FIG. 1, communications devices 30 and 40 would be attached to gateway 20. Also gatekeeper 50 would serve the functions of address translation and bandwidth management. It should also be noted that in the example embodiment shown in FIG. 3, different communications bandwidths exists between gateway pools 300 through 350. For example, gateway pools 300, 320, and 350 may communicate to and from gateway pool 310 at 512 Kbps, gateway pool 340 may communicate to and from gateway pool 310 at 2, 048 Kbps, and gateway pool 330 may communicate to gateway pool 310 at 256 Kbps.